

Chambers of Senior Judge H. F. Gierke

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H. F. "Sparky" Gierke
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: North Dakota 1964 BA, 1966 JD

Academic: Adjunct Professor, George Washington University Law School; Adjunct Professor, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Adjunct Professor, Barry University of Orlando School of Law

Government: State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, County of McKenzie, North Dakota (1974-1982); City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Watford, North Dakota (1974-1983)

Judicial: Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court (1983-1991); Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; Associate Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1991-2006)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1971-1983)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1971)

Current Memberships: American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society; National District Attorneys Association; North Dakota State's Attorneys Association; State Bar Association of North Dakota

Chambers of Senior Judge Susan J. Crawford

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Susan Jean Crawford
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Bucknell 1969 BA; New England 1977 JD
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Instructor, Garrett College (1979-1981)

Government: Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, Garrett County, Maryland (1978-1980); Principal Deputy General Counsel, United States Department of the Army, United States Department of Defense (1981-1983); General Counsel, United States Department of the Army, United States Department of Defense (1983-1989); Special Counsel to the Secretary, United States Department of Defense (1989); Inspector General, United States Department of Defense (1989-1991)

Judicial: United States Court of Military Appeals (1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Burnett & Eiswert (1977-1979); Partner, Burnett, Eiswert & Crawford (1979-1981)

Current Memberships: The Edward Bennett Williams American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

Chambers of Senior Judge Eugene R. Sullivan

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Eugene R. Sullivan
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: West Point 1964 BS; Georgetown 1971 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable M. C. Mathes, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1971-1972)

Chambers of Senior Judge Eugene R. Sullivan continued

Government: Assistant Special Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Gerald Ford Administration (1974); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1982); Chief Legal Advisor, National Reconnaissance Office, Ronald Reagan Administration (1982-1986); Deputy General Counsel, General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force (1982-1984); General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force, United States Department of Defense, Ronald Reagan Administration (1984-1986); Governor, Wake Island Territory (1984-1986)

Legal Practice: Associate, Patton, Boggs & Blow (1972-1974)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1969)

Current Memberships: The District of Columbia Bar; The Missouri Bar Association

Chambers of Senior Judge Walter T. Cox III

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Walter T. Cox III
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Clemson 1964 BS; South Carolina 1967 JD
Began Service: September 6, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Resident Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit (1978-1984)

Legal Practice: Partner, Jones, McIntosh, Threlkeld, Newman and Cox (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1973)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Anderson County Bar Association; Anderson County Young Lawyers; The Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Blue Key Honor Society; Federal Bar Association; Judge Advocates Association; South Carolina Bar; South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004-2950
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Number of Judgeships: 7

Created in 1988, this Court consisting of a chief judge and six associate judges has exclusive jurisdiction to review final decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cases involve reviewing the Board's determination of entitlement or disability benefits. The rulings can be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is independent and does not come under the purview of the Judicial Conference of the United States or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The President appoints a chief judge and between two and six judges. The appointments are for 15-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

Court Staff

Clerk of Court and Executive Officer

COL Gregory O. Block (202) 501-5980
Affiliation: USA

Education: Washington State BA; Seton Hall JD

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Began Service: 2007

Counsel to the Court **Cary P. Sklar** (202) 501-5970 ext. 1037
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Education: Syracuse 1982 BA;
George Washington 1985 JD

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Education: Catholic U 1991 BA, 1995 JD

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Education: Southern Illinois 1971 BS, 1972 MS;
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Education: Pittsburgh 1981 BA;
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Began Service: 2007

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Education: Notre Dame 1986 BA;
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Education: Hartwick 1976 BA;
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Bruce E. Kasold
Chief Judge

Education: West Point BS; Florida JD; Georgetown LLM
Began Service: December 31, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Corporate: Director, Pentagon Federal Credit Union

Government: Chief Counsel, Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate (1995-1998); Attorney, The Judge Advocate General, United States Department of Defense

Legal Practice: Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP (1994-1995)

Staff

Law Clerk **Lindlee Baker** (202) 501-5870
Term Expires: 2011

Law Clerk **Jason Dorn** (202) 501-5870
Began Service: 2008
Term Expires: 2010

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Term Expires: 2011

Law Clerk **Liisa Vehik** (202) 501-5870
Term Expires: 2010

Education: Washington U (MO) 2003 JD

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Chambers of Judge William P. Greene, Jr.

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**William P. Greene, Jr.**
Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: West Virginia State Col 1965 BA;
Howard U 1968 JD; Judge Advocate Gen 1974;
US Army Command 1981; Army War Col 1986
Began Service: November 24, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: November 23, 2012

Academic: Department Chair, Criminal Law Division, Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army

Government: Immigration Judge, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1993-1997)

Legal Practice: United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1993); Chief Prosecutor, Fort Knox, Kentucky, United States Army; Chief Defense Counsel, Hawaii, United States Army; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Third Infantry Division, Germany, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Second Infantry Division, Korea, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, United States Army

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Kristin Elizabeth Neilson** (202) 501-5890
Term Expires: November 2010
Education: Michigan 2003 JD

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Education: American U 2003 JD

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Chambers of Judge Lawrence B. Hagel

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Lawrence B. Hagel
Judge

Date of Birth: March 27, 1947
Education: Naval Acad 1969 BS; McGeorge 1976 JD;
George Washington 1983 LLM
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Term Expires: December 15, 2016

Military Service: United States Navy (1965-1969); United States Marine Corps (1969-1990); Judge Advocate United States Marine Corps (1976-1990)

Nonprofit: Counsel, Paralyzed Veterans of America (1990-2004)

Current Memberships: The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association; State Bar of California

Staff

Law Clerk **Daniel Diluccia** (202) 501-5862
Began Service: September 2010
Term Expires: September 2011

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